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In Re: Patent Term Extension
Application for
U.S. Patent No. 6,265,536

NOTICE OF FINAL DETERMINATION AND REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION

A determination has been made that U.S. Patent No. 6,265,536, which claims the human drug product Mycamine® (micafungin sodium), a pharmaceutical composition comprising Mycamine® (micafungin sodium) and a method of using Mycamine® (micafungin sodium), is eligible for patent term extension under 35 U.S.C. § 156. The period of extension has been determined to be 1,192 days.

A single request for reconsideration of this final determination as to the length of extension of the term of the patent may be made if filed within one month of the date of this notice. Extensions of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) are not applicable to this time period.

Applicant also has applied for patent term extension of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,107,458 and 5,376,634 based on the regulatory review period of NDA No. 21-506 for the human drug product, Mycamine® (micafungin sodium).

Applicant also has sought extension under 35 U.S.C. § 156(d)(1) for U.S. Patent Nos. 5,376,634, 6,107,458 and 6,265,536 for NDA 21-754. Notices of Final Determination will be sent under separate cover for each patent for NDA 21-754. 35 U.S.C. § 156(a)(2) states that, "the term of the patent has never been extended under subsection(e)(1) of this section." Therefore, Applicant cannot extend the same patent for the approvals of NDA 21-506 and NDA 21-754. Accordingly, two patents are eligible for extension based on the regulatory review periods for Mycamine® (micafungin sodium) in NDA 21-506 and 21-754.

When patent term extension applications are filed for extension of the terms of different patents based upon the same regulatory review period for a product, the certificate of extension is issued to the patent having the earliest date of issuance unless applicant elects a different patent. In the absence of an election by applicant within one month of the date of this notice, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.785(b), the applications for patent term extension for the above-identified patent and U.S. Patent No. 6,107,458 will be denied. Accordingly, the application for patent term extension of the patent having the earlier date of issuance will be granted. (Absent an express election, a certificate of extension will be issued in U.S. Patent No. 5,376,634.) In the absence of a request for reconsideration, and if U.S. Patent No. 6,265,536 is elected, the Commissioner will issue to the applicant a certificate of extension, under seal, for a period of 1,192 days in U.S. Patent No. 6,256,536.

The period of extension has been calculated using the Food and Drug Administration determination of the length of the regulatory review period published in the Federal Register of September 26, 2006, (71 Fed. Reg. 56157). Under 35 U.S.C. § 156(c):

Period of Extension	=	½ (Testing Phase) + Approval Phase
	=	½ (1,493 days - 1,214 days) + 1,053 days
	=	1,192 days (3.3 years)

Since the regulatory review period began March 29, 1998, before the patent issued (July 24, 2001), only that portion of the regulatory review period occurring after the date the patent issued has been considered in the above determination of the length of the extension period 35 U.S.C. § 156(c). (From March 29, 1998, to and including, July 24, 2001, is 1,214 days; this period is subtracted for the number of days occurring in the testing phase according to the FDA determination of the length of the regulatory review period.) No determination of a lack of due diligence under 35 U.S.C. § 156(c)(1) was made.

Neither the limitations of 35 U.S.C. § 156(g)(6) nor 35 U.S.C. § 156(c)(3) operate to reduce the period of extension determined above.

Upon issuance of the certificate of extension, the following information will be published in the Official Gazette:

U.S. Patent No.:	6,265,536
Granted:	July 24, 2001
Original Expiration Date[1]:	September 29, 2015
Applicant:	Hidenor Ohki, et al.
Owner of Record:	Fujisawa Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.
Title:	Polypeptide Compound and a Process for Preparation Thereof
Product Trade Name:	Mycamine® (micafungin sodium)
Term Extended:	1,192 days
Expiration Date of Extension:	January 3, 2019

[1]Subject to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 41(b).

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